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Bike-A-Thon A Big Success

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for our annual Bike-A-Thon. There was plenty of sunshine, cold drinks and cookies, willing workers and 42 dedicated riders.

Approximately $1900.00 was pledged to the American Cancer Society by generous sponsors throughout the county.

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this Bike-A-Thon the success it was. Especially the Appomattox County Sheriff's Dept., the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, the American Cancer Society Board Members, Kings Market, Wilbun's Supermarket, Parkway Grocery, the Pesi-Cola Company of Lynchburg, who furnished drinks and cups; and Mr. Frank Sweet, coordinator of county 4-H and a special thanks to all the bike riders.

It was an honor for me to be part of this fund raising event and I wish to express my appreciation for the dedication and service of the Appomattox County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Kathy Johnson,
Celebrity Chairman

To Bet Or Not To Bet

Horseracing in Virginia is as legal as the Lynchburg Mets playing baseball! However, it is not a question of the legality of horseracing in Virginia that you and I, John Q. Citizens, must decide on Tuesday, November 7. The main question is "do we want legalized gambling to set up housekeeping in Virginia?" An old maxim can be applied here: "give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile."

In the summer of 1977, my wife and I visited the famed Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, home of the Kentucky Derby. We went out of curiosity and paid the general admission fee of $2.50 each to see some of the horseraces held daily during the season. The general admission fee entitles one to see all of the races on a given day, which is usually 10 or more. However, one must place "bets" at the "window", costing $2.00 or more before one is eligible to win. Of course, we were not there to gamble but to observe. We left that place having seen all that we needed to see and hear to convince us that Virginia and its citizens do not need a Churchill Downs or any facsimile. It appeared to me that the city of Louisville would get enough "kickback" from all that tax revenue that the state gets from Churchill Downs racetracks to start an urban renewal project for the proverty stricken community surrounding the track!

We do not need legalized gambling in Virignia for the state of Virginia to make even $1.00 in profit off the real losers! Vote NO on November 7 - - you'll be glad you did, and so will God!

Clarence H. Davis, Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church

MISS CARSON PARTICIPATED IN FUND-RAISING AT LC

LYNCHBURG - Miss Jamie Kay Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Carson, 110 S. Church St., Appomattox, Va., recently participated in the "Setting Standards for the Century," fund-raising campaign for Lynchburg College. Participants in the campaign are a group of Lynchburg area business and professional men and LC students who used the team plan of solicitation.

The 10-year, three-phase, $15-million capital campaign will concentrate on increasing endowment and raising funds for renovating and replacing some of the college's present buildings.

The theme "Setting Standards for the Century," was selected, according to Fred R. Cawthorne, director of external affairs at the College, "because the college is articulating standards of an enduring kind as it uses its educational resources to prepare students to deal with the problems of the next quarter-century and the century to come." These standards, he continued, have to do with both program and plant.

Lynchburg College, a co-educational institution, has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 1500 and a graduate enrollment of around 500.

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October 23 - Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr., Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Mr. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin Michael and Edward.

A. C. Martin visited Tracey Tweedy Sunday.

Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Gertrude Burge and Ricky Burge were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracy, Mr. Kevin Moore, Mrs. Judy Jamerson and Shannon.

Michael Henderson spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Jerry Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee, Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. S. G. Martin spent Saturday and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris, Carolyn Morris, Jerry May, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee, Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. S. G. Martin and other members of the family were present for a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr. of Richmond honoring Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Mrs. Jutson Moore, Mrs. David Martin, Mr. Charles Martin.

OAKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Moore of Virginia Beach spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith. Others that called in the home last week were: Mrs. Claudie Moore, Mrs. Emmit Day, Mrs. Cliff Plunket, Mrs. Lena Eversole, Mrs. Sam Evans, Mr. Charlie McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Johny Carnefix, Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Smith and son, Joel, Mr. Dug Stenson and son, Dean, Mrs. Mollie Rogers, Mrs. Pat Davis, Mrs. Norman Booth and boys, Terry and Andy, Mrs. R. A. Watts of Monroe, Mrs. Phoebe McGuill and Mrs. Alese Drinkard.

R. Garland Hunter has returned home after spending a few days at Lynchburg General Hospital and is enjoying visits of friends and relatives.

Mrs. E. Clark Moore, is enjoying visits of many relatives and friends. She continues to improve.

Oakville welcomes Mr. Ed Hillsman home after a stay in the hospital.

Mr. Ryland Phelps, former Oakville resident, spent the week end at his home in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin spent the week end with Mrs. Marshall Martin. Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Marshall Martin were Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Page. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Plunket visited in this home Sunday evening.

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The Pastor Speaks

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Rev. J. N. Williams, Pastor
Gladstone & Liberty Chapel
Baptist Churches

HOMECOMING - REVIVAL AT PAMPLIN METHODIST CHURCH

Pamplin United Methodist Church will observe homecoming on Sunday, October 29. Former pastor, Carl T. Paught, will be guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

Also on October 29, revival will begin going through November 3. Rev. Edward Leonard, pastor Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox, will be guest speaker. Everyone is invited.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

KEEPING TRADITION

Lesson for October 29, 1978

Background Scripture: Exodus 20:12; Isaiah 29:13,14; Matthew 15:1-14; Ephesians 6:1-4.
Devotional Reading: John 2:1-12.

Rev. Althouse

John Churchgoer has made a considerable financial pledge to his church's budget. Some time later he discovers that his father is very ill and must be placed in a nursing home. In order to pay the medical bills John and his wife cut out all the "fat" from their household budget, but still they are not making ends meet. What should they do, they ask their pastor? Wasn't their pledge a vow made to God?

But You Say...

The answer is obvious to us, isn't it? Certainly one's responsibility to one's parents takes precedence over our offerings to the church. Yet, in Jesus' day there must have been some rabbis who released young men from their obligation to honor their parents if they had made an offering of their wealth to the temple. Two obligations were in conflict and the religious authorities understandably chose the one that was the most expedient for them.

There was real irony in Jesus' criticism of this ruling, for often he himself was accused of weakening and circumventing the commandments of God: "...why do you transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother'...But you say..."(Matthew 15:3,4). Because it was to their advantage, they advocated setting aside the commandment and in place they put a tradition instead.

That should be easy for us to understand because we still tend to respond in the same way with some of God's commandments. We may not question the commandment until we find that it is to our advantage to get around it in some way. Because we have found the commandment. "You shall not kill," too restrictive, we have modified it with traditions that tell us that this may be set aside to bear arms for one's country and to punish those convicted of capitol crimes. We have done virtually the same thing with every one of the commandments.

The Promise

So with the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," we can also find justifications for violating it: "My parents never wanted me," "My father's a drunkard," "My mother's a gossip," "They've never undefstood me," and so forth. Because parents are human beings and therefore subject to human limitations and frailties, we can always find a justification to withhold the honor God commands of us.

In the musical show, "Fiddler On The Roof," the Jewish father sings a song upholding "Tradition!" It is true that tradition is vital to civilization and that it is often the cement that holds our lives together. Tradition may be good and necessary. But when our traditions become ways of circumventing the commandments of God, it is the commandments that must be kept, not tradition.

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PAMPLIN

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thacker and sons, of Amherst, visited her mother, Mrs. George Allen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cumbey and daughter, Dorothy Anne, of Bennettsville, S.C., visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin, Jeffrey and Kevin, of Richmond, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumbey.

We all wish to welcome Mrs. Elnora Woolridge back home after visiting the sick in Baltimore.

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WRECK ISLAND EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Mary Taylor was hostess to the Wreck Island Extension Homemakers' Club when it met in her home on Wednesday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m.

There were 12 members in attendance. Devotions were led by Mrs. Taylor with scripture reading, Psalm 71. Prayer was by Mrs. Marie Carson.

Mrs. Dixie Staten, president, presided at the meeting. She led the group in the Homemakers' Creed.

Mrs. Staten also read a letter from Shirley Walton of the following meetings and dates.

October 24 - The Appomattox Extension Homemakers' Council will meet at 2 p.m. in the Extension Office.

October 25 - There will be a district Family Resources Conference in Blackstone, Va. at the Methodist Center at this time.

October 31 - to **November 1** - the 1978 Fall Conference to be held at Hotel Roanoke.

October 31 - Christmas Open House meeting.

On October 3, 1978 Mrs. Tilden Lee was elected Secretary of the Appomattox County Extension Homemakers' Council for 1979 through 1980.

Novembe 6 - 10 the 1978 Christmas Open House will be held daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be two nights, Tuesday and Thursday, with times from 7 to 9 p.m. The theme is "Holidays - Yesterday and Today". Mrs. Dixie Staten was elected to serve as chairman with Penny Mongold, serving as her co-chairman.

The club officers elected for 1979 are the following - Mrs. Dixie Staten, president; Mrs. Elsie Thornhill, vice president, Mrs. Tilden Lee, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Carson, Federation Goal Leader and Mrs. Elsie Thornhill, Program Topics Leader.

A demonstration on "Safe Woodburning Stoves and Fireplaces" was given by Mrs. Zolene Harden.

A social hour followed when the hostess served delicious refreshments to the group.

For the November meeting Mrs. Dixie Staten will be hostess. Members will meet at her home on Wednesday, November 15, 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Tilden Lee, Secretary

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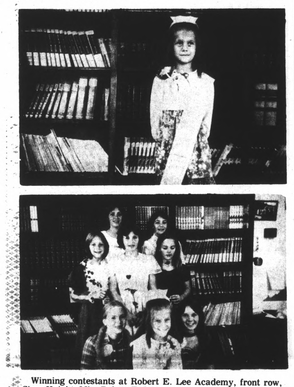
Miller's Buckingham Rally Draws Crowd

By Franklin Vaughan

Pictured above is Delegate Claude Anderson who introduced Andrew Miller at a rally held at Dillwyn Lake in Buckingham County on Thursday, October 19. A crowd of nearly 400 gathered to hear Miller speak and enjoy good brunswick stew. Miller said that he stands for responsible and responsive government and believes the federal budget can be balanced and pledges to work toward that goal. Miller also says we can have a tax cut if some of the government waste can be cut in Washington. Miller states that "he knows the needs of Virginians" and states and local government having served two terms as the state's Attorney General and when he goes to Washington to represent Virginia, a junior senator, "he will look at his job from a Virginia perspective." Also present and speaking in support of Andrew Miller were Retired 4th District Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt and Lt. Gov. Chuck Robb.

Miss Robert E. Lee Academy Named



Winning contestants at Robert E. Lee Academy, front row, Sissy Knight, Miss Robert E. Lee Academy; second row, left to right, Stella Osborne and Mary Lee Bryant, judges; third row, left to right, Sarah Morris, Miss Originality; Liz Pierce, 1st runner-up; Pedi Myrick, 2nd runner-up; and on back row, left to right, Sandi Morris, Best Sport; and Kathi Morris, Miss Congeniality. Not pictured was Lisa Moon, a judge.

The Academy held its first "Miss Robert E. Lee Academy" beauty pageant last week. Arvis Knight, better known as Sissy, was the first place winner for the 1978-79 term. The contestants were judged on talent, dress, poise, and interviews.

The hostess was Ottie Osborne, headmistress, and the judges were Mary Lee Bryant, Stella Osborne and Lisa Moon. Each of the winners received a gift of flowers.

HURTSVILLE NEWS

Rev. James J. Miller, of Appomattox, is on vacation from his churches and he went on a trip to New Jersey and New York to spend a week with his brother and sister. He returned home Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Page will be the guest minister at Second Liberty Baptist Chruch in Dillwyn, Va. Sunday, October 22, 1978.

Rev. Howard Flood was the guest speaker at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church last Sunday, October 15.

Teacher-on-the-Spot

Worsham Annex may be four miles out in the woods but quality instruction is the word. This month's turned-on and tuned-in teacher is Miss Lucy Washington, an involved ungraded teacher. Her techniques of instruction seemingly has turned on twenty youngsters to learning and wanting to learn.

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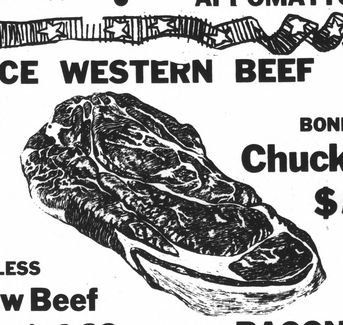
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